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*All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.*

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

## **US arrests 'member of border militia' in New Mexico**

US authorities have arrested an alleged member of a militia that has been stopping migrants trying to cross the US-Mexico border.

Larry Mitchell Hopkins, 69, was detained in New Mexico as a felon in possession of a weapon.

It comes just days after a video emerged of militia members detaining dozens of migrants in the desert.

The group, United Constitutional Patriots, has been condemned by civil rights groups and local officials.

"Today's arrest by the FBI indicates clearly that the rule of law should be in the hands of trained law enforcement officials, not armed vigilantes," said New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas.

While his statement said Mr Hopkins had been arrested as a felon, it did not specify what the underlying conviction had been.

United Constitutional Patriots, a small volunteer group, argues it is helping US Border Patrol to deal with a surge in migrants crossing America's southern border. It is one of several militias operating in the region.

US Customs and Border Protection have previously said they are opposed to civilians patrolling the border in search of illegal crossers.

-- BBC News April 21, 2019

## **UN Migrants and Refugees Compact Is an Open Borders Suicide Compact for the West (Video)**

By Jim Hoff

Australia, Switzerland, Poland and Israel were the latest

countries to reject the United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The compact will force Western countries to open their borders, provide safe passage and funding for an endless wave of third world migrants.

The agreement will bankrupt the West. It is a globalist's dream.

Already the United States, Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Israel and Australia have refused to sign onto the insane compact.

Canadian podcaster and popular YouTube star Stefan Molyneux discussed the United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in a recent video.

Stefan pointed out the outrageous and impossible demands the UN will put on Western countries to open their borders and the welfare state to millions of endless migrants from third world sh\*tholes. -- thegatewaypundit.com Nov. 22, 2018

## **Colorado enacts 'red flag' law, prompting backlash**

Colorado became the 15th state on Friday to adopt a "red flag" gun law, allowing firearms to be seized from people determined to pose a danger -- just weeks after dozens of county sheriffs had vowed not to enforce the law, with some local leaders establishing what they called Second Amendment "sanctuary counties."

In a fiery and lengthy statement on Facebook on Friday, Eagle County, Colo., Sheriff James van Beek slammed the law as a well-intentioned but "ludicrous" throwback to the 2002 film "Minority Report,"

"regulating against what we think someone might do."

Van Beek charged that the law treats accused gun owners like "criminals," discourages individuals from seeking mental health treatment, and ignores the reality that "a disturbed mind will not be deterred by the removal of their guns."

Colorado's law allows family, household members or law enforcement to petition a court to have guns seized or surrendered based on a showing that someone poses a danger under the "preponderance of the evidence," a civil standard which means that the defendant is more likely than not to be a threat.

"In other words, there is just over a 50/50 chance of accuracy," van Beek wrote, noting that someone's guns could be seized even without a mental health professional making a determination of any kind.

A subsequent court hearing could extend a gun seizure up to 364 days, and gun owners can only retain their guns if they meet a burden of demonstrating by "clear and convincing evidence" -- a much higher standard -- that they are not in fact a threat. Gun owners, van Beek said, are "guilty until proven innocent" under this framework.

The law's passage marked a personal victory for Democratic Rep. Tom Sullivan, whose son, Alex, was gunned down in the 2012 Aurora theater massacre that killed 12 people and wounded 70 others. The bill is slated to take effect in January.

The Red Flag Law, van Beek wrote, is "like regulating via clairvoyance, but in this case, we actually take away someone's property and require them to go to court to prove their innocence of a crime that hasn't been committed, yet they were

punished because someone thought they might be thinking about it."

Van Beek's post concluded by arguing that Colorado's law violated the Second Amendment. However, van Beek explicitly stopped short of declaring sanctuary county status, and suggested his office would enforce the law. — Fox News April 14, 2019

### **The American Old West, How Hollywood Made It 'Wild' to Make Money & Advance Gun Control**

Hollywood has a way of distorting our perspective on history, and a great example of this is Western film. Cattle rustlers, guns blazing, outlaws running loose. These fictional tales have produced more than entertainment; they've also contributed to an ongoing, subtle push for gun control.

Revisionist history books tell us that the "Wild West" was an anarchic period. Images of a Hobbesian nightmare — a life that is brutish and short — are ingrained in our consciousness thanks to the silver screen.

However, individuals who believe in liberty and developing their critical thinking faculties should be skeptical of most mainstream narratives regarding American history.

When the curtain of political correctness is pulled back, we see a much more nuanced picture of the American Frontier. In fact, research by historians such as Peter J. Hill, Richard Shenkman, Roger D. McGrath, Terry Anderson, and W. Eugene Holland shows that this period was rather indicative of a "not so wild, Wild West."

So let us delve into the "not so wild, Wild West", which I will call the Old West.

The Old West was not a paradise. There existed conflict between groups, such as American settlers and Native American tribes.

However, in more settled towns on the frontier, there was not as much violence as the Hollywood flicks would like you to believe. In W. Eugene Hollon's *Frontier Violence: Another Look*, Hollon argued that "the Western frontier was a far more civilized, more peaceful, and safer place than American society is today."

Additionally, historian Richard Shenkman noted that: "In the real Dodge City, for example, there were just five killings in 1878, the most homicidal year in the little town's Frontier history: scarcely enough to sustain a typical two-hour movie."

Larry Schweikart of the University of Dayton also pointed out that there were fewer than a dozen bank robberies in the frontier West from 1859 to 1900. Schweikart argues that there are "more bank robberies in modern-day Dayton, Ohio, in a year than there were in the entire Old West in a decade, perhaps in the entire frontier period."

In mining-related matters, American settlers found ways to peacefully adjudicate disputes, which Terry L. Anderson and Peter J. Hill noted in their *The Not So Wild, Wild West*: "In the absence of formal government, miners in a particular location would gather and hammer out rules for peacefully establishing claims and resolving disputes over them."

Anderson and Hill's findings demonstrated that the Old West was not so chaotic: "In the mining camps and on the open range, the six-gun seldom served as the arbiter of disputes. Instead, miners established rules in camp meetings, and cattlemen used their associations to carve up the range, round up their cattle, and enforce brand registration. Though not all attempts at dispute resolution succeeded, institutional entrepreneurs found ways to define and enforce property rights that created, rather than destroyed, wealth. In short, the West was really not so wild."

In *Gunfighters, Highwaymen, and Vigilantes*, historian Roger McGrath looked at notable western cities in California, Bodie and Aurora, to see how they stacked up to modern cities as far as crime rates were concerned.

McGrath provided some interesting statistics on robberies in Aurora and Bodie: "Between 1877 and 1883, there were only 32 burglaries — 17 of homes and 15 of businesses — in Bodie. Again, Aurora seems to have had fewer still. At least a half dozen attempted burglaries in Bodie were thwarted by the presence of armed citizens."

The historian then compares these numbers to American cities:

"Bodie's five-year total of 32 burglaries converts to an average of 6.4 burglaries a year and gives the town a burglary rate of 128 on the FBI scale. In 1980 Miami had a burglary rate of 3,282, New York 2,661, Los Angeles 2,602, San Francisco-Oakland 2,267, Atlanta 2,210 and Chicago 1,241. The Grand Forks, North Dakota, rate of 566, and the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, rate of 587 were lowest among U.S. cities. The rate for the

United States as a whole was 1,668, or thirteen times that for Bodie."

In McGrath's view, armed citizens were the key factor behind low burglary rates: "The citizens themselves, armed with various types of firearms and willing to kill to protect their persons or property, were evidently the most important deterrent to larcenous crime."

McGrath did concede that homicide rates were indeed high in the Old West, but there was a caveat — these cases of homicide were confined to fights between willing combatants, i.e., duels, as was common during this period where "honor culture" prevailed...

In sum, the Old West has not received a proper historical assessment that is free of Hollywood dramatization and pro-government bias. Advocates of gun rights and other facets of limited government would be wise to closely examine the history of the American Frontier and restore it to its proper place. The United States is currently in a narrative war of sorts, where advocates of Progressivism will distort historical events to advance their agenda.

-- www.ammoland.com April 16, 2019

### **Public-Private Partnership: Police Spy on Suspicious People at 'Potential Crime Scenes'**

Posted by Mass Privatel

For years, law enforcement has been claiming that drones will only be used for natural disasters, crime scene investigations, car accidents and rescue operations.

Law enforcement promises the public one thing and after time passes, uses it for something else.

Two years ago, Click2Houston reported how the Memorial Villages Police Department claimed that they would only use drones for "better emergency response during disasters."

It only took one year for the MVPD to prove that their claim was a lie.

Last week, Click2Houston revealed that the MVPD is using drones to respond to home alarms and to identify suspicious people.

All across the country there are numerous examples of police using drones to spy on crowds but a Harvard Law School article titled "Drones as Crime-Fighting Tools in 2020: Legal and Normative Considerations" warned that the Boston Police Department's plan to use "observation warrants" to

justify spying on the public is a harbinger of what is to come.

Sending police drones to investigate "potential crimes" means that everyone is a potential suspect. Police will use drones to spy on people's homes, backyards and streets, looking for suspicious people, essentially turning our Bill of Rights into a paper tiger.

Stingrays is a perfect example of our bill of Rights being turned into a paper tiger. Law enforcement has been using Stingrays to intercept millions of innocent phone conversations and texts without a warrant.

Which is exactly how law enforcement plans to use drones.

Police Stingray's and drones are designed for mass surveillance and do not care if they spy on innocent people.

As Andrew Ferguson, a David A. Clarke School of Law professor warned, "once you have flying cameras available, they will likely be used beyond the pilot project," Ferguson said. "They will fly more and capture more data. This is a perfect example of how big data surveillance will change the power balance between citizens and police and erode community trust."

Commentary: This spy scheme was implemented as a Public-Private Partnership between the city police department and Paladin Drones, which claims to "deploy drones to 911 calls for instant situational awareness." This technology will fit into GEINT and Smart City collaborations for total awareness.-- [www.technology.news](http://www.technology.news) April 18, 2019

### **Detroit to Become America's Second Chinese-Style Surveillance City**

The push to turn America's cities into Chinese-style surveillance networks has found a new partner in Detroit, Michigan.

What started out as a 'voluntary' police-cam share program in Saginaw, Michigan has morphed into a massive 1000 surveillance camera network which includes 500 businesses in Detroit.

Detroit's Project Green Light, spies on people in real-time at gas stations, retail stores and public housing.

A map of Project Green Light's surveillance cameras, shows the true extent of police spying in Detroit and it looks an awful lot like the map of San Diego's IQ street lights.

Motorola and the Detroit Police Department have worked

together to create their own "Neighborhood Real-Time Intelligence Program" (NRTIP) which spies on residents 24 hours a day.

I am torn between calling Detroit, America's second Chinese-style surveillance city or New Orleans which has the dishonor of being "America's largest spying network."

The true extent of police spying is much worse than what is being reported, especially if you include Ring doorbells and Nest cameras which turn entire neighborhoods into mini-surveillance networks.

The 'Neighborhoods' article also revealed that Detroit's NRTIP spies on everyone's social media and receives secret hot lists from Project Green Light.

"Project Green Light is a considerable portion of how they track crime in the city, using their hot list – the area around a recent crime – as a way to prioritize where they should be monitoring and focusing their efforts."

"The screens on the front wall are feeds from Project Green Light locations and dumping cameras. One analyst scrolled through Twitter and other social media to check for any threats or mentions of crime."

Big Brother's justification for turning our cities into mirror images of China is summed up by Crime Analyst Breanna Lingo who said, "If you were a victim of crime one day, there could be an extra eye watching to really help."

Does it make you feel safer knowing that law enforcement is using the same tactics that China uses? Do we really need police spying on everyone in real-time to make us feel safer?

-- [massprivatei.blogspot.com/2019/03](http://massprivatei.blogspot.com/2019/03)

### **'Paradise' does exist**

"...Paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And believe it or not, such a place does, indeed, exist. It's called prison."

Sheriff Joe Arpaio  
Maricopa County Sheriff

### **How gun-free zones invite mass shootings**

By John Lott

"This doesn't happen anywhere else on the planet," said California's Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom. "We stand alone in the world in the number of mass shootings," echoed U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

These were typical comments after an alleged shooter murdered 12 people in Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

This belief that the U.S. is the world's hotbed of mass public shootings is constantly used to push for more gun control. If we can only get rid of guns, we will get rid of these mass public shootings and be more like the rest of the world, gun-control supporters preach.

But America doesn't lead the world in mass public shootings. We're not even close.

The Crime Prevention Research Center, of which I am president, recently finished updating a list of mass public shootings worldwide. These shootings must claim four or more lives in a public place. Following the FBI definition, the shootings we list are carried out simply with the intention of killing. We exclude gang fights because they tend to be motivated by battles for drug turf. Murders that arise from other crimes are also excluded.

Then there are politically motivated attacks, which do not meet our definition. This meant excluding a lot of deadly shootings such as those in the Russian-Chechen conflict, the 2004 Russian Beslan School siege (385 dead) and the 2002 Dubrovka Theater in Moscow (130 killed).

From 1998 to 2015, our list contains 2,354 attacks and at least 4,880 shooters outside the U.S. and 53 attacks and 57 shooters within this country. By our count, the U.S. makes up 1.49 percent of the murders worldwide, 2.20 percent of the attacks, and less than 1.15 percent of the mass public shooters. All these are much less than America's 4.6 percent share of the world population.

Of the 97 countries where we identified mass public shootings, the U.S. ranks 64th per capita in its rate of attacks and 65th in fatalities. Norway, Finland, France, Switzerland and Russia, all have at least 25 percent higher per capita murder rates from mass public shootings.

While Americans are rightly concerned by the increased frequency and severity of mass public shootings, the frequency of foreign mass public shootings since 1998 has grown 291 percent faster than in the U.S.

The media bias on this is overwhelming. Even after President Donald Trump again raised the danger of gun-free zones, the news media still refuse to mention this fact in its reporting of mass shootings.

Most gunmen know that they can kill more people if they attack

places where victims can't defend themselves. That's one reason why 98 percent of mass public shootings since 1950 have occurred in places where citizens are banned from having guns.

It is understandable that the media doesn't cover most mass public shootings in other countries. But as much as it might not fit the media's narrative, the U.S. is a relatively safe place from these shooting attacks. Still, we need to let people protect themselves and each other. We need to get rid of gun-free zones.

*John R. Lott Jr. is the author most recently of "The War on Guns."*  
-- Chicago Tribune November 20, 2018

## **Why I Came to Synagogue with Baseball Bat on the Sabbath**

By Mark Altschul, President of Geshur Shalom, Jewish Community Center of Ft. Lee

My Zayda (Grandfather) came to America from Russia in 1924. He would take me to my Synagogue in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Never once did I ever think I would be President of that Synagogue. I never thought I would have to be concerned for the safety of the Congregation. But as a result of the recent events I must speak out for my Congregation. The attack in Pittsburgh dovetails with the 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Kristallnacht - the onset of the Holocaust.

We Jews have enemies that seek to destroy us. The recent past also demonstrates that the righteous of many faiths are also under the same intimidation.

It is too easy to dismiss the forces of darkness as "crazy", "insane" or mentally defective. Just as the Nazis were rational purely evil, these people, now, are rationally motivated to do evil. No amount of vigils, talk, coffee, prayer, demonstrations, "kumbaya" will change these evil people from their course of hate against us.

Which reminds of something my Zayda told us. In his village there were no Pogroms. Why? The village organized itself that should anyone try to have a Pogrom, they suffered more than they could possibly gain.

The concept of "turning the other cheek" is not a Jewish concept; the right of self-defense is. King Solomon proclaimed:

There is a time to kill and a time to heal... a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

Jewish history is even filled with examples of preemptive action for

self-preservation - from the Purim Story to Modern Israel. When I was in College, Jewish Defense League (JDL)ers went to Skokie, Illinois to oppose the Nazis who had threatened to march through that Jewish neighborhood. One of my friends there said on National Television that "if the Nazis march in Skokie, Skokie will be ankle deep in Nazi blood." The Nazis did not march in Skokie.

Just this week in New York, there was hate graffiti spray in a Synagogue and an attempted fire-bombing of another.

That is why I came to Synagogue with a Baseball Bat on the Sabbath November 3, 2018. I will not turn the other cheek; I will not have a talk or coffee with evil. I will defend myself, my Congregation and my Synagogue.

The tools of evil are irrelevant and will be obtained by them against us in many forms, no amount of legislation will stop their course of hate. Looking to Washington or Trenton for blame or for help is a wasted exercise, as God helps those who help themselves. Already various political elements have taken the attack on us as a means to advance *their* political agenda. To vilify the tools of our defense serves no one.

We have seen the news coverage. We have read various opinion pieces. Not one of these media items even suggested self-defense or the preparation needed for the next attack.

My Baseball Bat may be symbolic, we must be prepared to meet these evil threats with equal and if necessary, greater force. We cannot rely on others to defend us.

I call on Governor Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature to allow people the power to defend themselves. Please make an exception to New Jersey's restrictive gun laws to permit people to take to houses of worship for the protection of the righteous.

Most importantly, I ask you what will you do to defend yourself? For me, I will have my Baseball Bat, and maybe something stronger, I will not go quietly or be a victim — I will protect myself and my Synagogue.

-- www.jpfo.org 2018

## **U.S. projected to add 1.5 million illegal aliens to population this year**

By John Binder

The United States is projected to add about 1.5 million illegal aliens to the American population by

the end of the year, should current rates of Catch and Release, border crossings, and visa overstays pan out.

This year, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Catch and Release policy — whereby border crossers and illegal aliens are released from federal custody into the U.S. — is on track to release roughly 434,000 border crossers and illegal aliens into the country by the end of the year. More than 36,000 border crossers and illegal aliens have been released from DHS custody every month since the beginning of the year.

Additionally, Princeton Policy Advisors researcher Steven Kopits projects that in 2019, there will be up to 500,000 illegal aliens at the southern border who successfully cross into the U.S. These are foreign nationals whom federal immigration officials are unaware of and are usually only deported after they commit a crime in the U.S.

Center for Immigration Studies Director of Policy Jessica Vaughan told Breitbart News that experts predict there to be anywhere between 300,000 to 400,000 visa overstays this year.

These projections put the number of illegal aliens added to the U.S. population at around one to 1.5 million, on top of the 11 to 22 million illegal aliens who are already living across the country. This finding does not factor in the illegal aliens who will be deported, die, or leave the U.S. of their own will. As DHS data has revealed, once border crossers and illegal aliens are released into the country, the overwhelming majority are never deported.

-- breitbartnews.com 27 March 2019

## **Alex Jones blames 'like a form of psychosis' for Sandy Hook hoax claim**

Alex Jones, the Austin-based provocateur embroiled in lawsuits filed by parents of victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, said in a deposition released Friday that his conspiracy thinking was a kind of mental disorder.

Jones, who repeatedly claimed on his internet and radio show InfoWars that the mass shooting in Newtown, Conn., was a hoax, told lawyers he "almost had like a form of psychosis back in the past where I basically thought everything was staged, even though I'm now learning a lot of times things aren't staged."

Jones blamed his mental state on "the trauma of the media and the corporations lying so much."

The lawsuits contend that Jones' claims that the shootings were staged showed a reckless disregard for the truth and for the distress and real harm he was causing the parents, piling torment on their tragedies.

"So long before these lawsuits I said that in the past I thought everything was a conspiracy," Jones said. "And so now I see that it's more in the middle. All right? So that's where I stand."

But under questioning by Houston lawyer Mark Bankston, Jones continued to display a fundamentally conspiratorial frame of mind.

Jones has been stripped since summer of major social media platforms for InfoWars because of and playing defense in multiple courtrooms.

He was a local cable access cult figure who built a vast national audience on radio and online by declaring most every major national calamity since 9/11 as a "false flag" or inside job, all with a manic, riveting and often entertaining style. With the rise of President Donald Trump, the once anti-establishment icon became a kind of underground auxiliary to Fox News, building support for Trump with his audience and creating news narratives that complement the president's own taste for conspiracy thinking.

Under questioning by Bankston, Jones sought to deflect responsibility for years of claims that the shootings were a hoax staged to inflame public opinion and undermine gun rights, by blaming others whose outrageous and unsupported reports he relied on.

But, even as he said he has come to believe over the years that the Sandy Hook shootings were real, he continued in the deposition to voice conspiratorial suspicions that the whole truth about what happened remained hidden.

"Well, I want to be clear," Jones replied. "I believe children died. I believe there was a mass shooting. I still think that there was a man in the woods in camo ... and just a lot of experts I've talked to, including retired FBI agents and other people and people high up in the Central Intelligence Agency, have told me that there is a cover-up in Sandy Hook."

Bankston asked Jones about the assertion by his lawyers at a pretrial hearing in his 2017 child custody case that in his on-air persona, Jones was a "performance artist."

"So I want to know," Bankston asked. "When you were making these claims about Sandy Hook, were you being a journalist, or was this all performance art?"

"When I say things on air, I believe it," Jones said.

-- [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com) March 30, 2019

### **Gang refuses to bow to New Zealand's gun reforms**

The New Zealand government warned that those who do not give up their military-style semiautomatic guns by September would face five years in prison. The news came as one notorious gang said it would refuse to hand in its weapons.

The Mongrel Mob gang, which is one of New Zealand's most notorious, won favorable headlines when it said it would protect mosques after the attacks and pledged solidarity with the country's Muslim community.

But Sonny Fatu, who heads the Mongrel Mob gang's Waikato branch based in North Island, said members who had illegal guns should be trusted to not harm members of the public.

"Will gangs get rid of their weapons? No. Because of who we are, we can't guarantee our own safety," he told the news site Stuff.

"The attacks between our organizations are gang-on-gang, they do not involve the non-gang members."

The ban could take effect as early as April 12, less than four weeks after the terror attack that left 50 people dead.

"My advice to the gangs is: 'Hand your weapons back,'" Police Minister Stuart Nash said, according to the *New Zealand Herald*.

"Everyone I have spoken to, be they hunters, farmers et cetera, have said you do not need MSSAs [military-style semiautomatic weapons] or an assault weapon to go hunting or do farm business. These are guns designed to kill people."

There will be an amnesty until the end of September, where people with guns or gun parts that would be illegal can surrender them to police. There will also be a buy-back scheme for the forbidden weapons, which could cost the government more than \$200 million.

-- *Newsweek* 4/1/19

### **Hunt for gang who ransacked knife amnesty bin**

Police are on a hunt for a group who broke into a bin full of knives that had been just surrendered.

The suspects were caught on CCTV hauling the weapons collected by police as part of a knife amnesty.

Officers installed the 'knife surrender bin' after a 52 percent spike in knife crime across the area over the past year.

But a day later the bin in Weston-super-Mare was broken into and the knives were taken.

PC John Biggins said, "The contents were discovered a short distance away. We are in the process of identifying those responsible."

Avon and Somerset Constabulary introduced the bins as part of Operation Sceptre - a nationwide initiative launched in 2016 to tackle knife crime.

More than 1,000 knives are believed to have been collected from the bins in the past few years.

-- <https://metro.co.uk/2019/03/29>

### **The Socialists Got What They Wanted..and the Republicans Gave it to Them**

By Rob Morse

Obama made law by issuing executive orders. Trump also used the bureaucracy to do the dirty political work that legislators wanted to avoid. That leaves all of us at risk.

The latest example is the firearm accessory called a bump stock. The murderer who killed 59 people at the concert in Las Vegas had a bump stock on some of his guns. Neither the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives said that those bump-stock-equipped weapons were used in the attack, but the news media ran with the story of "deadly bump stocks." That story became political reality.

The legislators could have written new legislation and outlawed bump stocks. Republican legislators feared that such legislation would offend the hundred million gun owners. The legislators wanted their political problem to go away so they could appear politically moderate. President Trump said he'd solve the political problem for them.

Trump told the bureaucrats in the BATFE to re-interpret their own regulations and outlaw bump stocks. Ignore the fact that the bump stock was a rigid piece of plastic, because according to the BATFE, the bump stock is now a machine gun. The problem isn't with a piece of plastic, but with a bureaucracy that can now make up new laws at the whim of the party in power.

***We are no longer a nation of laws where consequences are known in advance, but a nation of interpretation where outcomes can be bought.***

Trump let the bureaucracy rule. That is very problem we fought with Obama, who weaponized the IRS, the Department of Justice, the State Department, the EPA and the INS. Political conservatives were supposed to stop that. Instead, they let bureaucrats bend to the political winds rather than to the law as written. Cowardly Republicans just gave Socialists the keys to the kingdom.  
-- slowfacts.wordpress.com/2019/04/03

### **Freedom! South Dakota becomes latest state to pass 'Constitutional Carry'**

On Tuesday, the South Dakota state legislature passed a bill allowing for permit-less concealed carrying [of firearms]. The bill now goes to the desk of Gov. Kristi Noem, who has expressed support for the measure.

The Hill reports that members of the South Dakota Sheriff's Association testified Monday in the state House that the bill should ideally be limited to South Dakota residents. A companion bill that mandates such a restriction was introduced in the state House on Friday, but thus far has not been scheduled for a hearing.

South Dakota seems poised to become the fourteenth state with a "constitutional carry" legal regime. The passage for such laws is a top priority item for many state-level Second Amendment activist groups, and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram notes that it is already on the radar for some at the recently commenced Texas legislative session.

Many concealed carry enthusiasts are eager for a carry case to reach the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court, which has otherwise been silent on the Second Amendment since its landmark *McDonald v. City of Chicago* ruling in 2010, recently granted a writ of certiorari on a new gun rights case:

*New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. City of New York, New York.* The Daily Wire recently reported: It is nothing less than momentous that the Supreme Court has finally agreed to hear a fresh Second Amendment challenge. Justice Clarence Thomas, in various dissents to the denial of writs of certiorari in Second Amendment cases post-*McDonald*, repeatedly inveighed against what he saw as the Supreme Court's politically motivated belittling of the solemnity of the Second Amendment individual right.

-- www.dailywire.com Jan. 29, 2019

Ed.: According to a usacarry.com article dated Feb. 15, 2019 Gov. Noem has signed the law, which will go into effect in July. In addition to South Dakota, the other states currently with constitutional carry rights are, in alphabetical order: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

### **Houston gun-fight deadly as the OK Corral; Homeowner used AK-47 in self-defense**

By Dean Weingarten

On January 19th, 2019, at about one a.m., a gunfight occurred in Magnolia Park, a traditionally ethnic Mexican part of Houston, Texas. There were five home invaders. There was one home defender. From abc13.com:

*Authorities say the homeowner defended himself when the suspects entered the home. Following the shooting, the suspects fled from the scene.*

Two armed home invaders broke in. One was shot in the leg. He survived. One died in the front yard. Another person, believed to be a home invader, was found dead in a car two blocks from the scene. A fourth suspect died in the hospital. The fifth was wounded, fled the scene, and was being treated in the hospital.

The home-owner gave an interview to Stefania Okolie, reporting from abc13.com. The interview is only

in video. I did not see a transcript.

The defender was 20 years old. According to him, two men in ski masks broke in, demanding money. The other three had not entered the house. The defender said he used a pretext of getting money from under the couch. Instead, he pulled out a loaded AK-47 clone.

He shot at the two home invaders. They fired back as they fled.

The defender pursued the invaders into the front yard. The pile of brass in the front yard has been described as being from several different guns.

The defender continued the gunfight with three occupants of the car that delivered the two home invaders.

The car crashed a couple of blocks away.

According to Stefania Okolie, the police told the homeowner he had done the right thing.

There were no charges filed against the defender. He was not wounded.

Jeff Cooper, in his, *Principles of Personal Defense*, emphasizes seven keys to survival in self-defense situations: alertness, decisiveness, aggressiveness, speed, coolness, ruthlessness and surprise.

In the gunfight in Houston, the defender demonstrated six of the seven. He may be faulted for being insufficiently alert. At first, he thought it was a joke.

In the infamous gunfight at the O.K. Corral, in Tombstone, Arizona, in 1881, nine people were involved, four against five. Two on one side were wounded. Three on the other side were killed.

In the Houston Sherman Street gunfight, six people were involved, five against one. Three of the aggressors were killed and two others were wounded. The defender was not injured.

In the Old West the Houston Sherman Street gunfight would have been discussed around campfires for decades.

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